

IN TOUCH

PEACE UNDER PRESSURE

Dear Friend:

The only place on earth right now where people are not feeling pressure is places that don't have access to news. Unfortunately these days, it's mostly bad news. I have some good news for you---I have a vaccine that can cure you, or, even prevent you from suffering pressure that is so prevalent these days. The vaccine has been around for 3,000 plus years and it is called Psalm 23. The danger in a passage that is so familiar is that you may not take it seriously. Let me explain Psalm 23 in a way you've never heard before. You didn't know this but Psa. 23 was written from a seasonal perspective. Let me explain...

Psalm 23:1-3 is about the shepherd and the sheep in spring time. V. 2 specifically describes the spring: "He makes me lie down in green pastures". This refers to the lowlands of Israel where sheep are kept early in the spring. They are most at peace during this season. You too can be at peace in this season of pressure. The summer season is v. 4-5. At the beginning of the summer sheep are taken up to low elevation mountains and hills. On top of the mountains and hills is where they find the best area for food at that time of year, it was called a "table". On they way up they are the most vulnerable to dangerous animals. In times of danger the Chief Shepherd will guide you and protect you. The Fall season is v. 6a. On the way back down the mountain the shepherd continuously has to reassure the sheep that he is still there—that his goodness and mercy will follow them all the days on their trip back home, all the days of their lives. Winter season? V. 6b, "and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever". Winter is when the sheep go home – go back to the barn for the long winter season and their shepherd settles in with them.

I pray that you know that God has "settled in" with you . This passage is timely isn't it? A time when so many are settled in their homes and cannot leave. Psalm 23—a Psalm for all seasons! May you let it give you peace in these days of pressure!

In Christ's Love,

Pastor Mike

Prayer Concerns: Protection for your family and the church family, wisdom for those making decisions that affect our country and our world, health care professionals

Church Events: Coming soon we hope!